



**PROCLAMATION NO. 2016-03**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROCLAIMING APRIL 21, 2016, AS “*POWERTALK 21*® DAY” IN GILA COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, Gila County recognizes the importance of parents talking with their children about alcohol in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to children and communities;

**WHEREAS**, high school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important;

**WHEREAS**, 27 percent of middle school students try alcohol before graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, significantly increasing the risk that they will develop alcohol problems later in life;

**WHEREAS**, teen alcohol use kills 4,700 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined;

**WHEREAS**, the majority of kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol;

**WHEREAS**, *PowerTalk 21*® day, started by Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) in 2011, is established on April 21, 2016, to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America’s youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol;

**WHEREAS**, to equip parents to talk with their teens about alcohol, MADD Arizona on April 21 will host *Power of Parents*® workshops to give parents the tools to effectively talk with their children about alcohol to protect them; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens are urged to join in the local and national efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and children talking together about alcohol to reduce the risks and dangers posed to children and communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Gila County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim April 21, 2016, to be “*PowerTalk 21*® Day” in Gila County.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.

ATTEST:

**GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Marian Sheppard, Clerk of the Board

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Michael A. Pastor, Chairman